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Notifications by the Election Commission of India

NOTIFICATION BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

DIRECTION BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

ELECTION COMMISSION'S DIRECTION SPECIFYING THAT THE VOTES AT THE CURRENT GENERAL ELECTIONS TO TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2021 SHALL BE GIVEN AND RECORDED BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES AND VVPAT

No. SRO G-13/2021.

The following Direction of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated 6th March, 2021 [15 Phalguna, 1942 (Saka)] is published:-

No.576/3/EVM/2021/SDR-Vol.I:- Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by Voting Machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify; and

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a Printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct; and

3. Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances in all the Constituencies for the **General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Puducherry announced vide the Election Commission's Press Note No. ECI/PN/16/2021 dated 26th February, 2021**, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in all the Assembly Constituencies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Puducherry, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby **specifies (i) all the Assembly Constituencies of Assam notified/to be notified on 02-03-2021, 05-03-2021 & 12-03-2021, (2) all the Assembly Constituencies of Kerala, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry to be notified on 12-03-2021 and (3) all the Assembly Constituency of West Bengal notified/to be notified on 02-03-2021, 05-03-2021, 12-03-2021, 16-03-2021, 23-03-2021, 26-03-2021 & 31-03-2021** as the constituencies in which the votes, shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Constituencies.

(By Order)

N.T. BHUTIA,
Secretary,
Election Commission of India.

Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009,
9th March, 2021.

SATYABRATA SAHOO,
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Principal Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department.